

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

February 23, 2015

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 2:20 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2015, in the Lower Hospitality Room, Pennington Biomedical Research Conference Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roy Martin III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Roy Martin III, Chair

Richard Lipsey, Vice Chair

Joseph Farr, Secretary

Mark Abraham

Claudia Adley

Christopher Bollinger

Maggie Brakeville

Raymond Brandt

Joel Dupré

William Fenstermaker

Chris Gorman

Robert Levy

Edward Markle

William Gray Stream

Collis Temple III

Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Martin noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

All representatives of management boards in attendance were allowed to participate and vote on any matter before a standing committee, as required by law.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Letter of Intent

On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant approval of the Letter of Intent for the B.S. in Nursing from Southern University at New Orleans, contingent upon the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's (LSBN) approval of the *Notice of Intent* and *Feasibility Study*. A program proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing will not be considered until the approvals are granted by LSBN.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant approval of the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Master of Arts in Teaching (Elementary GR 1-5) at Southern University and A&M College.

Proposed New Programs

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to direct the Academic and Student Affairs' staff to develop a policy regarding distance learning, credit, and completers.

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant conditional approval of the (1) A.A.S. in Polysomnography at Southern University at Shreveport, (2) A.S. in Computer Science at Baton Rouge Community College, and (3) the M.P.A. (Public Administration) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs

Committee, voted unanimously to grant approval of continued, provisional designation of the Center for Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology at Baton Rouge Community College, with a progress report and proposal for continued designation as a CWE due by October 30, 2015.

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously that the Board of Regents' staff collaborate with the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges' system staff to review *Academic Affairs Policy 2.05A* to present a report in a timely fashion, preferably next month.

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to postpone action on the proposal to establish a Center for Workforce Excellence and grant conditional approval of a Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology at Delgado Community College, with a request/proposal for continued designation as a Center, or for initial CWE designation, due by June 1, 2016.

TRANSFER REPORT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant approval of the response to Senate Resolution 144 of 2014 and authorization for the Commissioner to submit the report to the Senate and House Committees on Education on behalf of the Board of Regents.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION PILOT

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted to grant approval of continuation of the Developmental Education Co-Requisite Delivery Pilot through AY 2015-2016, with expansion of opportunities for participation to all universities. Specific guidelines for participation will be proposed to the Board by the April meeting. Regent Adley and Regent Levy voted no.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Institute for Advanced Materials – LSU (Full Approval)
2. Routine Staff Reports
 - a. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units

- b. Past Due Reports**
- c. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA (SMALL CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT)

On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Small Capital Project Report as listed below.

- 1. LSU A&M: East Campus Apartment Buildings 10-12 Flooring, Painting, and Lights**
- 2. LSU A&M: Football Operations Practice Fields 2 and 4 Improvements**
- 3. LSU A&M: FETI Administration Building Roof Project (Budget/Scope Increase)**

MAJOR REPAIR FUND REALLOCATIONS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to approve the reallocation of Major Repair Fund balance(s) appropriated to the University of New Orleans, and provided for under the authority of Act 27 of 2006 [SUPP A7 2008], for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Science Building.

THIRD PARTY PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED LEASE REQUEST

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to approve the lease between the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana - Monroe, and ULM Facilities, Inc., for the purpose of construction of a new Football Field House at Malone Football Stadium. The Board's approval is contingent upon the University of Louisiana System's approval during its February meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Matt Adams, Policy Analyst, presented the Finance Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

RESPONSE TO 2014 STUDY RESOLUTION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE –
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 134 BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTER LEGER

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Finance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the response to House Concurrent Resolution 134 of the 2014 Legislative Session and the transmittal of the report of the Work Group to the members of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Legislative Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

OVERVIEW OF TIMELINE FOR 2015 SESSION

Dr. Subramanian reviewed the timeline as listed below for the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature:

- Convenes at Noon on Monday, April 13, 2015
- Adjourns no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015
- Each legislator is limited to 5 non-fiscal (“general”) bills
- All general bills must be pre-filed
- Retirement bills must be advertised by 2/5/15
- Pre-filing deadlines:
 - 2/27/15 for Retirement bills
 - 4/1 – 4/3 for Constitutional Amendments and other bills, depending on House vs. Senate
- Session filing deadlines (limited to 5 bills per legislator, if not pre-filed): 4/22/15
- Bills must generally be requested prior to the filing deadline

BOARD OF REGENTS’ LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

After a discussion of the Board of Regents/Higher Education legislative proposals,

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Legislative Committee, voted unanimously to (a) authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and staff to pursue the BoR/Higher Education Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2015 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the

Board, and (b) to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board to act on the Board's behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2015 Regular Session.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

- **Initial License** (*Rush University Medical Center*)
- **License Renewals** (*Arizona State University, Pearl River Community College, and Southern Arkansas University*)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

- **Initial Licenses** (*Baton Rouge Dental Assisting School, LLC, Feliciana Medical Training Academy, LLC, and Fortress Consulting and Education, LLC*)
- **License Renewals**
 - Academy of Acadiana--Lake Charles (12/02/10)*
 - Alexandria Dental Assistant School (12/08/11)*
 - Becker Professional Education--Lafayette (12/09/04)*
 - ECO Training Center, LLC (formerly Galliano Training Center, LLC) (12/08/05)*
 - Fleur de'Lis Healthcare Institute (12/05/13)*
 - Herzing University (12/07/95)*
 - Infinity College, Inc. (12/02/10)*
 - Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)*
 - Learning Bridge Career Institute (12/02/10)*
 - Legally Speaking (12/06/01)*
 - Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)*
 - NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)*
 - National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)*
 - Pelican Training Institution (12/08/11)*
 - Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)*
 - Unitech Training Academy – Alexandria (12/04/08)*
 - Unitech Training Academy – Metairie (12/08/11)*

DELTA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Tremblay noted that Delta International University withdrew its request to pursue further licensure from the Board of Regents.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS GRAD ACT INTERVENTION POLICY FOR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Combined 2nd Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for Southern University and A&M College, Southern University Law Center, and Southern University at Shreveport and the 2nd Quarter Report for the Southern University System Office and Southern University at New Orleans. The Southern University Board of Supervisors is authorized to release a portion of the funds to the system office and the campuses on the predetermined schedule included in the GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract and the Southern University System and Southern University at New Orleans Improvement Plans.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE REQUEST TO REVISE GRAD ACT BENCHMARKS/TARGETS FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Southern University and A&M College's request to revise its GRAD Act benchmarks and targets for Years 5 and 6 to more clearly reflect the reality of the institution's current and near-term condition.

BOARD OF REGENTS UNIFORM POLICY ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents' Uniform Policy on Sexual Misconduct.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 23, 2015.

CAMPUS REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF ENDOWED CHAIR NATIONAL SEARCH REQUIREMENTS

- Tulane University: John and Mary Wright Ebaugh Chair in Science and Engineering

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to approve Tulane's request to appoint Dr. YiPing Chen to the John and Mary Wright Ebaugh Chair in Science and Engineering, with the stipulation that Tulane University will submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education by May 31, 2018 a report of Chair activities during the first three years of appointment. The report will reference the standards of performance listed in the Endowed Chairs policy and Tulane's letter of appointment to Dr. Chen.

- Centenary College of Louisiana: Arthur and Emily Webb Chair of International Studies

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to defer Centenary's request to appoint Dr. Dana Kress to the Arthur and Emily Webb Chair of International Studies until documentation is received that the donor approves the proposed appointment without a national search. Donor approval is not required if the donor is deceased, has requested no contact, or his/her contact information cannot be located after a good-faith search.

- Centenary College of Louisiana: George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to defer Centenary's request to appoint Dr. Jefferson Hendricks to the George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature until (a) further evidence is provided of the proposed chairholder's eminence as a scholar, and (b) documentation is received that the donor approves the appointment of Dr. Hendricks without a national search. Donor approval is not required if the donor is deceased, has requested no contact, or his/her contact information cannot be located after a good-faith search.

REVISIONS IN THE ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS SUBPROGRAM POLICY

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to table the revisions to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars subprogram policy pending further discussion.

LSU SYSTEM APPOINTMENTS TO BoRSF ADVISORY AND MASTER PLAN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the LSU System's nomination of Dr. Stuart Bell, Vice President and Provost, to the BoRSF Advisory and Master Plan Research Advisory Committees.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo mentioned that he is continuing his regional listening tours in the state. He also said he recently spoke at the Faculty Senate meeting in Alexandria. Dr. Rallo noted that a new website is being designed for the Board of Regents and should be finished by July 1, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Wiley remarked that he looked at the University of Louisiana at Monroe's eULM website (<http://www.ulm.edu/onlinedegrees/>) earlier and noted that the institution has excelled in distance learning education.

Regent Lipsey commented that the Regents do not want to micromanage Southern University but would like to see continuity in its leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.